

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

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HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT)
COMPANY, INC.)
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Regarding Integrated Resource)
Planning.)
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DOCKET NO. 04-0046

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By this Order, the commission approves HAWAII ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY, INC.'s ("HELCO") request for an extension of time to file its third Integrated Resource Plan Report ("IRP-3"), from December 29, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

I.

Background

By Order No. 20821 filed on February 26, 2004, the commission opened this docket to commence the next integrated resource planning cycle for HELCO and to examine HELCO's IRP-3, to be submitted no later than October 31, 2005.

On April 12, 2004, HELCO filed a letter with the commission attaching the procedural schedule it intended to follow in developing its IRP-3. The procedural schedule, prepared in consultation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate"), incorporated October 31, 2005 as the filing deadline for HELCO's IRP-3.

On October 31, 2005, HELCO and the Consumer Advocate submitted a proposed Stipulated Procedural Order, which stated HELCO's request to extend the deadline to file its IRP-3 from October 31, 2005 to December 29, 2006. On November 4, 2005, the commission approved HELCO's request for an extension of time, from October 31, 2005 to December 29, 2006, to file its IRP-3.¹

By letter dated December 8, 2006, as supplemented on December 12, 2006, HELCO seeks a five-month extension of time until May 31, 2007, to file its IRP-3.

II.

Discussion

Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-23(a)(1) provides the commission with the discretion, for good cause shown, to enlarge a period by which a required act must be completed, if a written request is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed.

In support of its timely extension request, HELCO states that "[t]he extension will provide HELCO with additional time to develop the draft IRP-3 Report, circulate the report to HELCO's IRP Advisory Group and to the public for review and comment, and finalize the report for filing with the Commission."² HELCO explains that "[d]uring the conduct of its IRP process since November 2005, several events have occurred that have impacted HELCO's ability to complete the filing of its

¹Order No. 22105, filed on November 4, 2005.

²HELCO's letter, dated December 8, 2006, at 1.

IRP-3 Report by the December 29, 2006 filing date."³ HELCO also represents that the Consumer Advocate does not object to the request for additional time.⁴

The timeline for the remaining steps in HELCO's IRP-3 is set forth in Exhibit C of HELCO's December 8, 2006 letter.⁵ As contemplated by HELCO, the remaining steps consist of:

<u>Remaining Steps</u>	<u>Date</u>
Incorporation of competitive bidding into HELCO's IRP-3	September to December 2006
Advisory Group Meeting: draft Preferred Plan and Sustainability Strategy	January 2007
Draft HELCO IRP-3 issued	February 2007
Advisory Group Meeting: review and comments on draft HELCO IRP-3	March 2007
Comments on draft HELCO IRP-3 due	March 2007
Revise and finalize HELCO IRP-3	April to May 2007
File HELCO IRP-3 with the commission	May 2007

³HELCO's letter, dated December 8, 2006, at 1. HELCO describes the events that have impacted its ability to complete the filing of its 3rd IRP by December 29, 2006. For example, HELCO decided to update its fuel forecast, believing that "a more current fuel forecast was critical to the IRP-3 analysis and responsive to the input provided by the IRP Advisory Group." Id. at 2. Moreover, HELCO completed an additional coal forecast, developed an additional alternative resource plan "that would be the least cost plan with future generation provided by only renewable energy resources[,] and re-forecasted "its estimate of combined heat and power . . . distributed generation for use in the IRP-3 analysis." Id.

⁴HELCO's letter, dated December 12, 2006.

⁵A copy of Exhibit C, "HELCO IRP-3 Advisory Group Schedule, October 31, 2005, Revised December 6, 2006," is attached as an exhibit to this Order.

On December 8, 2006, the commission, in In re Public Util. Comm'n, Docket No. 03-0372, issued its Framework for Competitive Bidding for new generation capacity in the State of Hawaii.⁶ HELCO seeks additional time to finalize its IRP-3 in order to complete certain additional tasks, including the incorporation of competitive bidding into the integrated resource planning process, as well as the Advisory Group's opportunity for comment and input on this matter.

Based on the foregoing, the commission: (1) finds goods cause to enlarge the deadline by which HELCO must comply with Order No. 20821; and (2) approves HELCO's request for an extension of time to file its IRP-3, from December 31, 2006 to May 31, 2007.

III.

Order

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

HELCO's request for an extension of time to file its 3rd IRP, from December 29, 2006 to May 31, 2007, is approved.

⁶Decision and Order No. 23121, filed on December 8, 2006.

DONE at Honolulu, Hawaii DEC 21 2006.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

By Carlito P. Caliboso
Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman

By John E. Cole
John E. Cole, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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HELCO IRP-3 Advisory Group Schedule

October 31, 2005; Revised December 6, 2006

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Process Task ¹	Meeting Date ²	Actual Meeting Date ³
Advisory Group Orientation	March 24, 2004	March 24, 2004
Advisory Group Kick-off Meeting: Organization Items, Economic Input	April 22, 2004	April 22, 2004
Advisory Group Meeting: Draft Objectives & Scope Input, Preliminary Sales & Peak Forecast	May 24, 2004	May 24, 2004
Public Meetings: Input on IRP Objectives		
Kona (King Kamehameha Hotel)	June 8, 2004	June 8, 2004
Hilo (County Aupuni Center)	June 9, 2004	June 9, 2004
Waimea (Waimea Community Center)	June 15, 2004	June 15, 2004
Naalehu (Naalehu Community Center)	June 16, 2004	June 16, 2004
Advisory Group Meeting: Final Objectives, Final Sales & Peak Forecast, Proposed Scope, DSM Benchmarking	July 29, 2004	July 29, 2004
Advisory Group Meeting: Strawman DSM Programs, Introduction and Preliminary DG Resources	August 19, 2004	August 19, 2004
Advisory Group Meeting: Preliminary DSM Resources, Final DGResources, Introduction and Preliminary SRO Input	October 7, 2004	October 7, 2004
Advisory Group Meeting: Final DSM-SRO Resources & Plan Concepts Input	November 9, 2004	November 9, 2004
SRO (Technical Meeting)	December 12, 2004	December 12, 2004
DSM (Technical Meeting)	January 21, 2005	January 21, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting: Integration Modeling and Plan Concepts	March 17, 2005	March 17, 2005
Integration Modeling (Technical Meeting)	April 25, 2005	April 25, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting: Draft Proposed Plans	July 29, 2005	July 29, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting: Transmission Assumptions (Technical Meeting)	September 2005	October 18, 2005
Advisory Group Meeting: Preliminary Integration Results	October 2005	March 23, 2006
Advisory Group Meeting: Integration Results (Technical Meeting)	October 2005	March 23, 2006
Advisory Group Meeting: Final Integration Analysis Results	February 2006	July 24, 2006
Public Meetings: Integration Analysis Results, Input on Draft Preferred Plan		
Kona (King Kamehameha Hotel)	February 2006	August 15, 2006
Hilo (Sangha Hall)	February 2006	August 16, 2006
Waimea (Waimea Community Center)	February 2006	August 21, 2006
Naalehu (Naalehu Community Center)	February 2006	August 22, 2006
Advisory Group Meeting: Review Public Comments, Input on Draft Preferred Plan	March 2006	September 15, 2006

Note: The above schedule may be amended as appropriate as the IRP process proceed, due to among other things, issues raised during the process, the time required to address the issues, and the schedule of the parties.

HELCO IRP-3 Advisory Group Schedule

October 31, 2005; Revised December 6, 2006

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Remaining Tasks		
Incorporation of Competitive Bidding into HELCO IRP-3 Report		<i>September-December 2006</i>
Advisory Group Meeting: Draft Preferred Plan and Sustainability Strategy⁴	September 2006	<i>January 2007</i>
Draft HELCO IRP-3 Report Issued		<i>February 2007</i>
Advisory Group Meeting: Review and Comments on Draft Report⁴		<i>March 2007</i>
Comments on Draft HELCO IRP-3 Report Due		<i>March 2007</i>
Revise/Finalize HELCO IRP-3 Report		<i>April-May 2007</i>
File HELCO IRP-3 Report with PUC	December 29, 2006	<i>May 2007</i>

Notes:

1. Remaining tasks are **bolded**.
2. As submitted to the PUC on October 31, 2005.
3. Projected dates (for remaining tasks) are *italicized* and **bolded**. Dates for tasks since October 31, 2005 filing are **bolded**.
4. Tentative date (to be coordinated with CA)

Total Advisory Group Meetings held to date: 15

Total Public Information Meetings held to date: 8

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served a copy of the foregoing Order No. 23152 upon the following parties, by causing a copy hereof to be mailed, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to each such party.

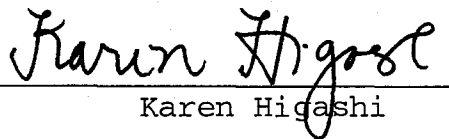
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